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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Workforce
Development

Introduced by:
(WFD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
BOARDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 31-3k of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (b) Each board, within its region, shall:

5 (1) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of a private industry
6 council under the Job Training Partnership Act, provided the private
7 industry council within the region elects by a vote of its members to
8 become a board and the Labor Commissioner approves the council as a
9 regional work force development board.

10 (2) Within existing resources and consistent with the state
11 employment and training information system and any guidelines
12 issued by the commissioner under subsection (b) of section 31-2, and
13 with the annual plan developed by the commission under section 31-
14 3h and approved by the Governor, (A) assess regional needs and

15 identify regional priorities for employment and training programs,
16 including, but not limited to, an assessment of the special employment
17 needs of unskilled and low-skilled unemployed persons, including
18 persons receiving general assistance or short-term unemployment
19 assistance, (B) conduct planning for regional employment and training
20 programs, (C) coordinate such programs to ensure that the programs
21 respond to the needs of labor, business and industry, municipalities
22 within the region, the region as a whole, and all of its citizens, (D)
23 serve as a clearinghouse for information on all employment and
24 training programs in the region, (E) prepare and submit an annual
25 plan containing the board's priorities and goals for regional
26 employment and training programs to the commissioner and the
27 commission for their review and approval, (F) review grant proposals
28 and plans submitted to state agencies for employment and training
29 programs that directly affect the region to determine whether such
30 proposals and plans are consistent with the annual regional plan
31 prepared under subparagraph (E) of this subdivision and inform the
32 commission and each state agency concerned of the results of the
33 review, (G) evaluate the effectiveness of employment and training
34 programs within the region in meeting the goals contained in the
35 annual regional plan prepared under subparagraph (E) of this
36 subdivision and report its findings to the commissioner and the
37 commission on an annual basis, (H) ensure the effective use of
38 available employment and training resources in the region, and (I)
39 allocate funds where applicable for program operations in the region.

40 (3) Provide information to the commissioner concerning (A) all
41 employment and training programs, grants or funds to be effective or
42 available in the region in the following program year, (B) the source
43 and purpose of such programs, grants or funds, (C) the projected
44 amount of such programs, grants or funds, (D) persons, organizations
45 and institutions eligible to participate in such programs or receive such
46 grants or funds, (E) characteristics of clients eligible to receive services
47 pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (F) the range of services
48 available pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (G) goals of such

49 programs, grants or funds, (H) where applicable, schedules for
 50 submitting requests for proposals, planning instructions, proposals
 51 and plans, in connection with such programs, grants or funds, (I) the
 52 program period for such programs, grants or funds, and (J) any other
 53 data relating to such programs, grants or funds that the commissioner
 54 or the commission deems essential for effective state planning.

55 (4) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of the local board for
 56 purposes of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-
 57 220, as from time to time amended.

58 (5) To the extent permitted by federal law, develop a policy and
 59 procedures for the allocation of funds received by the board under the
 60 federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to
 61 time amended, to individual training accounts for adults and
 62 dislocated workers within the board's region, which policy shall
 63 establish (1) the minimum percentage of funds received under said act
 64 that will be allocated to the individual training accounts voucher
 65 system, and (2) minimum and maximum dollar amounts of individual
 66 training accounts for individual participants.

67 [(5)] (6) Establish a worker training education committee comprised
 68 of persons from the education and business communities within the
 69 region, including, but not limited to, regional community-technical
 70 colleges and regional vocational-technical schools.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002

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